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- (a) (1) The Department and the Maryland Department of Labor shall establish qualifications for operators of pilots under the Program.
 - (2) The qualifications shall, at a minimum, require an operator to:
 - (i) Be registered as a nonprofit organization in the State;
- (ii) Have previous experience and measured success in providing education services to adult learners, including industry certification and job placement services;
- (iii) Have previous experience providing education services or workforce development services to adult learners who have been limited by educational disadvantages, a disability, a criminal record, or similar barriers to employment opportunities;
- (iv) Have secured financing to develop or the capability to secure financing for the development of a physical site for the pilot; and
 - (v) Hire appropriately trained instructional personnel.
- (3) An operator may be a partnership of two or more persons that meet the qualifications required under this subsection.
- (b) (1) The operator shall adopt written standards for the admission and dismissal of students.
- (2) The standards and any amendments shall be submitted to the Department and the Maryland Department of Labor for approval.
 - (c) The operator may partner with:
 - (1) A county board of education; or
- (2) A public institution of higher education in the State if the operator intends to provide course work for college credit.

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